

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the careful examination of the present application. The present After Final Amendment is proper and should be entered because the amendment merely cancels claims and adopts examiner suggestions, thereby requiring only a cursory review by the Examiner.

Allowable Claims

Claims 3, 4, 9, 10, 12 and 13 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claims 3, 9, 10 and 13 have been rewritten in independent form and should be allowed.

Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled. Claims 4, 5, and 12 depend from claim 3 and should be allowed. Claims 6-8 have been amended to depend from claim 3 and should be allowed. Claim 11 has been amended to depend from claim 10 and should be allowed. No new matter has been entered. The pending claims 3-13 should be allowed.

Double Patenting

Claims 5 and 8 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 5 and 8 of copending Application No. 10/823,428.

Claims 14-23 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 14-23 of copending Application No. 10/823,428.

Copending Application No. 10/823,428 has been abandoned. Accordingly, the double patenting rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

Claims 5 and 8 depend from (allowable) claim 3 and should be allowed.

Claims 14-23 should now be allowed.

102(b) Rejection

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by DE 4324315.

Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled. Claims 6 and 7 have been amended to now depend from (allowable) claim 3. Claim 11 has been amended to now depend from (allowable) claim 10. Accordingly, the 102(b) rejection is moot.

The rejection should be withdrawn and claims 6, 7 and 11 allowed.

Conclusion

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order and such action is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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